

VZCZCXRO8266  
OO RUEHCHI RUEHDT RUEHHM RUEHNH  
DE RUEHGO #0248 0661208  
ZNY CCCCC ZZH  
O 071208Z MAR 07  
FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5823  
INFO RUCNASE/ASEAN MEMBER COLLECTIVE  
RUEHGG/UN SECURITY COUNCIL COLLECTIVE  
RUEHBY/AMEMBASSY CANBERRA 0211  
RUEHKA/AMEMBASSY DHAKA 4495  
RUEHNE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 3782  
RUEHUL/AMEMBASSY SEOUL 7307  
RUEHKO/AMEMBASSY TOKYO 4867  
RUEHCI/AMCONSUL CALCUTTA 1071  
RUEHCN/AMCONSUL CHENGDU 1088  
RUDKIA/AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI 0905  
RHHMUNA/CDR USPACOM HONOLULU HI  
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHDC  
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC  
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHDC  
RUEHBS/USEU BRUSSELS  
RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA 3081  
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 0720

C O N F I D E N T I A L RANGOON 000248

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

STATE FOR EAP/MLS; PACOM FOR FPA

E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/06/2017

TAGS: [PGOV](#) [PHUM](#) [PREL](#) [BM](#)

SUBJECT: BURMA REGIME DETAINS MORE DEMONSTRATORS

REF: A. RANGOON 211

[1](#)B. RANGOON 185

Classified By: Poloff Dean Tidwell for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) On the evening of March 6, Burmese authorities detained another seven participants in the February 22 protest in downtown Rangoon (ref B). Special Branch police picked up the seven from their homes around 22:00 and indicated that they would release them after further questioning.

[1](#)2. (C) One of the demonstrators, Htin Kyaw was previously detained shortly after the February 22 demonstration, and released with the others on February 27 (ref A). After questioning Htin Kyaw for about four hours, authorities released him at 2:30am on March 7. Most of the other newly arrested demonstrators went into hiding after the February 22 arrests, and then returned home after the police released the first batch of detainees. One source said these new arrests came after some protesters gave interviews to a foreign radio broadcaster yesterday evening.

[1](#)3. (C) Htin Kyaw told us that the additional detentions were an effort by the authorities to learn more about the organization that sponsored the demonstrations, the Myanmar Development Committee (ref B), its leaders, network, association with other pro-democracy opposition groups, and any foreign links. He speculated that the detainees would likely be released after the authorities finished questioning them.

VILLAROSA